encourage the voluntary work being done by the families of officers to raise funds to help ordinary service personnel?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) Defence lands are meant for meeting the present and future needs of the Defence forces and are not meant for commercial use. No Defence land has been declared surplus to such needs at present.

The requests of social service organisations, associated with Defence forces, for allotment of Defence land to carry out voluntary works are considered as per the existing Defence land policy.

Pak Preparedness in Kashmir

1105. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKATRAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan is preparing for a big offensive in Kashmir and other areas; and

(b) if so, the action taken to counter 2500 militants waiting along the LoC to cross over to India?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) While it is well known that certain Pakistani agencies have been supporting and sponsoring terrorist organisations that have been trying to raise the level of terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, there are no indications to suggest that any big offensive is likely to be launched by Pakistan in the near future.

(b) All developments having a bearing on India's national security are constantly monitored and all necessary steps are taken from time to time to maintain appropriate defence preparedness to thwart any attempt of misadventure on the part of elements hostile to India.

Pockets occupied by Pakistan in Kargil

1106. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that all areas occupied by Pakistan during